(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the modus operandi of promoting teachers in KVS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan ih its'62nd Meeting held on 27th January 1997 inter-alia enhanced the promotion quota from 33 1/3% to 50% for effecting promotion from Primary Teacher to Trained Graduate Teacher and Trained Graduate Teacher to Post Graduate Teacher.

(d) Promotion are effected in accordance with the recruitment rules prescribed for the posts and as per the guidelines laid down by Department of Personnel & Training from time to time.

Acceptance of Saikla Committee's Recommendations

59. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since accepted the recommendations of Muhi Ram Saikia Committee on universalisation of education for 5—14 age group of children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the
reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl MUHl RAM SAIKIA) (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Committee of State Education Mjnistets on implications of the proposal to make Elementary Education Fundamental Right are under examination in this Ministry.

School Dropouts

60. SHRI W,ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of school dropouts in the country, State-wise and Unipn-territory-wise;

(b) whether the dropouts are mainly in the primary stage Tor the High School stage; and

(c) whether Govemment have "any plan for liquidating the school dropouts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl MUHI RAM JSAIKIA): (a) and (b) According to available information, the dropout rates at primary, upper primary and high school stages in 1993-94 were 36.22%, 52.80% and 70.90% respectively. State-wise and Union-territory-wise details are given in the statement (See below)

(c) Govemment have taken a number of measures to reduce the dropout rates. These include Micro-planning and Community mobilisation; greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institution; improvement of school infrastructure through Operation Blackboard Scheme; incentives for girls and SC/ST students; establishing and strenghening of institutions of teacher education; introduction of Minimum Levels of learning and implementation of Mid-day Meals Programme.

Dropout rates for 1993-94

S. No.	State	At Primary level (Classes I-vi	At Upper Primary Level (Classes I-VII)	At High School Level (Classes I-X)
1	2	3	4	5
J,	Andhra Pradesh	42.18	62.82	79.04
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	60.52	68.72	78.82
3.	Assam	39.05	67.55	77.26
4.	Bihar	63.36	78.74	86.21
5.	Goa	—2.57	12.28	42.46
6.	Gujarat	46.25	59.97	67.57
7.	Haryana	3.93	23.91	51.19
8.	Himahal Pradesh	26.28	19.74	48.29
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	48.66	56.46	70.97
10.	Karnataka	40.78	62.98	70.62
11.	Kerla	4.23	0.91	29.07